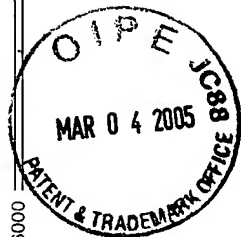


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: